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2. SUMMARY: THE GOJ URGENTLY AWAITS U.S WORD ON THE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF C-5 AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT JAPANESE SELF DEFENSE FORCE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO RWANDA. FEARING THAT A DOD DECISION MAY COME TOO LATE FOR SDF PLANNING PURPOSES, THE GOJ HAS PROVISIONALLY LEASED ANTONOV AIRCRAFT AS A FALL-BACK AND WILL INCUR SIGNIFICANT LOSSES IF THE RUSSIAN PLANES ARE NOT CUT LOOSE BY SEPTEMBER 6. MEANWHILE, JDA CONTINUES TO TO CONSIDER THE FORMAL MEANS BY WHICH U.S. SUPPORT WILL BE REQUESTED. MOFA AND JDA OFFICIALS ARE ALREADY QUIETLY CONSIDERING MEANS OF EVENTUALLY ENABLING THE SDF TO UNDERTAKE RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN RWANDA PROPER. END SUMMARY.

ANTONOVs STILL IN THE WINGS  
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3. ON SEPTEMBER 2, THE GOJ INDICATED THE URGENCY WITH WHICH IT HOPES THE U.S. DECIDES ON THE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF C-5A'S FOR RWANDA TRANSPORT BY  
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INFORMING US THAT JDA HAS LEASED ANTONOV AIRCRAFT IN CASE THE DOD FAILS TO COME THROUGH. THIS DESPITE THE FACT THAT VICE DEFENSE MINISTER HATAKEYAMA HAS DECIDED IN FAVOR OF THE C-5A OPTION. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], A DOWN-PAYMENT ON THE ANTONOVs HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE. THE JDA WILL BEGIN INCURRING SIGNIFICANT EXPENSES SHOULD THE LEASE NOT BE REVOKED BY SEPTEMBER 6. DAO HAS ALSO CONFIRMED THE ANTONOV LEASE PLAN THROUGH SEPARATE JDA SOURCES. JDA HAS INFORMED MOFA THAT IT PLANS TO HAVE WRAPPED UP THE DETAILS ON REQUESTING U.S. C-5A AIRCRAFT BY THAT DATE SO THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO CUT LOOSE THE ANTONOVs, ACCORDING TO SUMI. A FORMAL GOJ REQUEST TO THE USG SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE SAID.

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STILL WRANGLING OVER THE FORMAL REQUEST  
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4. [REDACTED] TOLD POLOFF THAT JDA IS STILL WRANGLING WITH MODALITIES AS TO REQUESTING U.S. C-5A'S. THE DETERMINING FACTOR WILL BE A DOD GREEN LIGHT ON C-5A AVAILABILITY, HE SAID. (IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH POLMILOFF, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SAID THAT AN ORAL OFFER TO MEET JDA

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REQUIREMENTS FOR C-5A AIRLIFT HAS BEEN MADE BY DOD TO THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, BUT THAT JDA REQUIRES WRITTEN CONFIRMATION WHICH HAS YET TO BE FORTHCOMING.)

5. ASSUMING THE CABINET APPROVES THE MISSION AS EXPECTED SEPTEMBER 13, JDA HOPES TO DISPATCH ITS FIRST  
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CONTINGENT BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER/EARLY OCTOBER, [REDACTED]  
SAID. JDA PLANNERS EXPECT TO HAVE MOST PERSONNEL AND  
EQUIPMENT IN PLACE BY LATE OCTOBER, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

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GOING TO RWANDA AFTER ALL?  
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6. CIRCUMSTANCES IN RWANDA ARE CHANGING FOR THE  
BETTER, [ ] AVERRED; FOR ONE THING, THERE IS NOW A  
GOVERNMENT IN PLACE WHICH JAPAN HAS RECOGNIZED.  
CONSEQUENTLY, MOFA AND JDA ARE QUIETLY EXAMINING  
EVENTUAL SDF ACTIVITIES IN RWANDA PER SE (VICE ZAIRE),  
WHICH MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT WHEN MORE  
REFUGEES ARE RESETTLING THERE; FOR EXAMPLE, THE SDF  
MIGHT PROVE USEFUL IN HELPING TRANSPORT THEM, [ ]  
COMMENTED. MEANWHILE, JDA IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE A  
LIAISON OFFICER TO U.S. FORCES IN KIGALI, BUT EVEN  
THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT RESTRICTIONS,  
ACCORDING TO [ ]

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SAID MOFA IS AIMING TO CALL FOR REEXAMINATION OF THE  
SITUATION IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER.

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